IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: HAMADA, AKIR et a

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For: GAS DIFFUSION LAYER FOR FUEL CELL AND MANUFACTURING

METHOD OF THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 September 3, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2004, extended to September 19, 2004 by a 1 month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and is shown in the attached replacement sheet.

Amendments to the Abstract are shown on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.